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THE INFRINGEMENT OF PATENTS FOR INVENTIONS, NOT INCLUDING DESIGNS. By Thos. B. Hall, of the Cleveland Bar. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co., 1893. 275 pages.

This work is practically a digest of all reported Supreme Court decisions relating to patents for inventions, to the end of October Term, 1892, of the Supreme Court. There has never been a complete digest of these decisions in a single volume, and the work will therefore commend itself very favorably to the patent practitioner. The sections of the various heads are in effect, if not in fact, a reproduction or reprint of the syllabi of the reported cases, and the reference to the page and volume where reported is contained in a foot note on each page. The foot note references are reproduced at the end of the book as a table of cases in addition to a table of contents and index of the subject matters of the decisions. A valuable feature of the table of cases at the end of the book is the classification of them under the various heads and subdivisions as stated in the table of contents. The matter is divided and classified under four general heads, License, Identity of Invention. Validity of Patent and Damages. The volume presents a digest of the Supreme Court cases in the most convenient form in which they have ever been issued, and will be a valuable addition to the working library of every patent lawyer, lightening his labors by the ease and facility with which, by its aid, he may make citations of authorities on any particular question relating to patents for inventions.

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BANK COLLECTIONS. By ALBERT S. BOLLES. New York: Homans' Publishing Company, 1893.

While the title of the above work fully indicates its character and importance, it may be better to indicate by a few headings of chapters and paragraphs the whole scope of the treatise upon this practical business portion of the mercantile law. The first two chapters treat of the ownership of paper endorsed either specially or in blank and deposited for collection, and it is only just to compliment the author as to this part of his work upon the methodical weeding out of the manifold and embarrassing cases upon these points—cases not so important in themselves, and only valuable to the ordinary hunter after precedents of similar facts and circumstances. In fact, Mr. Bolles has accomplished the delicate task of clearly stating the principles of the law without clogging the book with useless citations of well-established decisions—the impedimenta of so many so-called legal treatises.

Chapter III, without possessing the fault of being a mere digest, contains a very comprehensive account of the law and mode of making collections and the attendant details; and Chapter VI is especially timely in its discussion of the law upon the reception of deposits by a bank when in an insolvent condition. In Chapter VIII, which treats of mistake and forgery, the author has presented an important list of cases